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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent to Suspend the Bee and Honey Surveys and All Associated Reports.

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of suspension of data collection and publication.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to suspend the currently approved information collection for Bee and Honey data.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Suspension of the Bee and Honey Surveys and Publications.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0153.

Expiration Dates of Approval: May 31, 2013.

Type of Request: To suspend the currently approved information collection for bee and honey data and the resulting publications.

Abstract: The primary functions of the National Agricultural Statistics Service include the collection of data and the preparation and issuance of state and

national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, prices, and environmental and economic factors.

Timeline: NASS will suspend this information collection as of [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] due to budget constraints.

NASS will not issue any publications that would normally be generated from the Bee and Honey surveys, unless there is a change in the anticipated budget shortfall.

Authority: These data were collected under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) (General Duties of the Secretary of Agriculture). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: There will be no further public reporting burden for this collection of information.

Signed at Washington, D.C., October 25, 2011.

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